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FLYBY/PVST PUBLIC AFFAIRS PLAN (U)

A. JCS 111609Z NOV 76 (NOTAL)

1. (C) SUMMARY. IAW REF A, FOL PUBLIC AFFAIRS PLAN IS SUBMITTED FOR KENYAN FLYBY AND MOMBASA PVST. END SUMMARY.

(A). GOAL. PROMOTE RESPECT AND ESTEEM FOR THE U.S.A. AND HER MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT BY EFFICIENTLY CONDUCTING VARIOUS EVOLUTIONS IN KENYA.

(B). OBJECTIVES. (1) TO ASSIST IN OBSERVING THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF KENYA INDEPENDENCE. (2) TO SUPPORT U.S. NATIONAL OBJECTIVES THRU A COORDINATED MEDIA/INTERNAL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAM. (3) TO REEMPHASIZE THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND KENYA. (4) TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF THE U.S. MILITARY AS ONE INSTRUMENT OF NATIONAL POLICY. (5) TO PERMIT, IF FEASIBLE, THE KENYAN GENERAL PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT U.S. NAVY SHIPS. (6) TO PERSONALIZE THE VISIT WITH COUNTERPARTS OF THE KENYAN NAVY IN A SPIRIT OF PROFESSIONAL UNITY. (7) TO CAPITALIZE ON THE ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF DEMONSTRATING NAVAL FLEXIBILITY AND

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AIDING RECRUITING FOR THE ALL-VOLUNTEER FORCE THRU FLEET

HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASES AND NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE.

(8) TO ASSURE THAT HISTORICAL/DOCUMENTARY PHOTO COVERAGE IS OBTAINED. (9) TO ASSURE THAT MAXIMUM BENEFIT ACCRUES TO THE USG, DOD AND THE U.S. NAVY AND MARINE CORPS FROM THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS POST. (10) TO ASSURE THAT MEDIA COOPERATION EXTENDED, AND INFORMATION RELEASED IN TIMELY, ACCURATE AND CONSISTENT WITH U.S. NATIONAL OBJECTIVES. (11) TO SHOW U.S. NAVAL FORCES AS PROFESSIONAL, FRIENDLY AND RESOLUTE.

(C). MISSION. TO ADVISE AND ASSIST THE TASK GROUP COMMANDER WITH MEDIA COOPERATION RECOMMENDED BY AMEMB NAIROBI; TO ORIGINATE FLEET HOME TOWN NEWS/INTERNAL PUBLICATION/FEATURE RELEASES; TO PROVIDE INTERNAL TASK GROUP INFORMATION SERVICES; TO OBTAIN HISTORICAL/DOCUMENTARY/NEWSFILM PHOTO COVERAGE.

(D). EXECUTION. COMSIXTHFLT WILL PROVIDE A PAO AND PHOTO DETACHMENT TO THIS PROJECT. PAO WILL ADVISE AND CARRY OUT THE POLICIES ON THE TASK GROUP COMMANDER; ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE PAO/USIS POINT OF CONTACT DESIGNATED BY AMEMB NAIROBI; ASSIST NEWSMEN WITH COVERING TASK GROUP ACTIVITIES; ARRANGE FOR PHOTO COVERAGE (UNPROCESSED NEWSFILM WILL BE SHIPPED BY THE FASTEST MEANS AVAILABLE TO CHINFO AND NAVPHOTOCEN).

(E). RELEASE OF INFORMATION/PHOTOS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH AMEMB, TASK GROUP COMMANDER CAN RELEASE ROUTINE AND NONCONTROVERSIAL NEWS/ PHOTOS OF A PURELY U.S. MILITARY NATURE. POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC QUERIES WILL BE REFERRED TO AMEMB. IF CONSIDERED IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE USG, TG COMMANDER MAY AUTHORIZE EMBARKATION OF NEWSMEN IN SHIPS/AIRCRAFT OF THE FORCE.

(F). PUBLIC AFFAIRS POLICY. (1) MEDIA RELATIONS. AFTER COORDINATION WITH AMEMB, MEDIA REPS WILL BE GIVEN ALERT AND EFFICIENT COOPERATION. LOCAL NEWS RELEASE AUTHORITY TO BE DELEGATED TO TG COMMANDER FOR INFORMATION THAT COULD LOGICALLY BE OBTAINED BY AN ALERT ON-SCENE CORRESPONDENT. (2) INTERNAL INFORMATION PROGRAM. AFTER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEPLOYMENT DETAILS, TG PERSONNEL WILL BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE EVOLUTION. DRAWING ON AVAILABLE RESEARCH MATERIAL, PERSONNEL WILL BE INFORMED ABOUT THE CULTURE, CUSTOMS AND MORES OF THE NATIONS TO BE VISITED. THRUST OF THE INTERNAL PROGRAM IS TO PROMOTE INCIDENT-FREE VISIT. (3) COMMUNITY RELATIONS. AS PROPOSED BY AMEMB. IF REQUESTED, VISITS BY VIPS/GENERAL PUBLIC/HOST MILITARY/AMERICAN COMMUNITY AUTHORIZED

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AND ENCOURAGED. IF FEASIBLE, RIG FRIENDSHIP LIGHTS.

(G). EMBASSY SUPPORT. (1) PROVIDE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF COMREL EVENTS AND GUEST LISTS FOR OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS. (2) MAKE PROVISION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS HOSTED IN USN SHIPS. (3) IF FEASIBLE, EMBARK COUNTRY SPECIALISTS IN SHIPS PRIOR TO PVST FOR PURPOSE OF INDOCTRINATING CREW CONCERNING PUBLIC ATTITUDES, ANTICIPATED BEHAVIOR OF LOCAL POPULACE, AND ACCEPTABLE INTERACTION BETWEEN NAVY PERSONNEL

AND LOCAL CITIZENS. IF EMBARK IN INFEASIBLE, DETAILED INFO AND GUIDANCE SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY MESSAGE. (4) IF LOW COST COMREL ITEMS TO BE GIVEN AWAY TO SHIP VISITORS, EMBASSY PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING TYPE OF GIFTS AND ESTIMATE OF NUMBER REQUIRED. EMBASSY PROVIDE HALF THE COST OF GIVEAWAY ITEMS.

(H). FOL PRESREL PROPOSED FOR RELEASE IN LONDON AT 011100Z DEC 76. QUOTE. THE U.S. NAVY TODAY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON THAT USS GUAM (LPH-9), USS DUPONT (DD-941) AND USS CLAUDE V RICKETTS (DDG-5) WILL PARTICIPATE IN KENYA INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED IN NAIROBI AND MOMBASA ON 12 DECEMBER. GUAM, WITH AV-8 HARRIER AIRCRAFT FROM MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 231 ON BOARD, AND RICKETTS WILL VISIT MOMBASA FROM 10 DEC TO 13 DEC. USS DUPONT, CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. MIDDLE EAST FORCES, WILL BE MAKING A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED PORTCALL TO MOMBASA DURING THE SAME TIMEFRAME. AS PART OF THE VISIT, AIRCRAFT FROM VMA-231 ARE SCHEDULED TO PERFORM A FLYBY AT NAIROBI ON 12 DEC, AS PART OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES. GUAM AND RICKETTS ARE SCHEDULED TO TRANSIT THE SUEZ CANAL TOMORROW, 2 DECEMBER. THE TASK GROUP WILL BE COMMANDED BY CAPT T.A. STANLEY, USN, WHO IS COMMANDING OFFICER OF GUAM. THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF RICKETTS IS CDR J.F. KING, USN. THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF VMA-231 IS LCOL J.T. TYLER. UNQUOTE.

(1). FOL Q&A'S PROPOSED FOR ANSWER TO QUERY:

Q1. IS IT UNUSUAL FOR A U.S. NAVY SHIP TO VISIT MOMBASA.

A1. NO. THE USN MAKES REGULAR POST VISITS TO MOMBASA.

Q2. ARE EITHER OF THESE SHIPS NUCLEAR POWERED.

A2. NO.

Q3. IF THIS VISIT A SIGNAL OF SUPPORT FOR KENYA IN HER STRAINED RELATIONS WITH UGANDA?

A3. THIS VISIT IS A MEANS OF SHOWING RESPECT FOR KENYA ON HER INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Q4. WHO INSTITUTED THE VISIT? DID THE KENYANS ASK FOR THE SHIPS OR DID THE U.S. VOLUNTEER THE SHIPS?

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A4. IT WAS A MATTER OF CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. HOWEVER, KENYA INITIATED THE REQUEST.

Q5. IS THIS THE FIRST TIME THAT U.S. SHIPS HAVE TRANSITTED THE SUEZ CANAL SINCE IT REOPENED?

A5. NO. SHIPS DEPLOYING TO THE MIDDLE EAST FORCE HAVE TRANSITTED THE SUEZ CANAL SINCE ITS REOPENING.

Q6. DOES THIS DEPLOYMENT MEAN AN INCREASED U.S. PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN?

A6. NO. THIS DEPLOYMENT CONFORMS TO A USG POLICY TO PERIODICALLY OPERATE A VARIETY OF SHIPS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

Q7. WILL THE SOVIETS ALSO PROVIDE A SHIP VISIT?

A7. THAT QUESTION SHOULD BE ASKED OF THE KENYANS.

Q8. HOW MANY "COMBAT" MARINES WILL BE EMBARKED IN GUAM?

A8. ONLY MARINE AVIATION, AVIATION SUPPORT AND A MODEST MARINE SECURITY DETACHMENT WILL BE EMBARKED IN GUAM FOR THIS PVST.

Q9. WILL EITHER SHIP CARRY NUCLEAR WEAPONS?

A9. IT IS A LONG STANDING POLICY OF THE USG TO NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

Q10. DOES THIS DEPLOYMENT INVOLVE ANY "ARMS SELLING" ASPECTS?

A10. NO.

2. (C) IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE PRESREL CONTAINED IN PARA ONE (H) ABOVE CONFLICTS WITH GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN SECSTATE 152211; NOV 76. SECSTATE MSG ADVISES THAT USG WILL ANNOUNCE PVST AND GOK WILL ANNOUNCE FLYBY. HOWEVER, A/C WILL BE CLEARLY VISIBLE ABOARD GUAM DURING SUEZ TRANSIT AND PRIOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS ANTICIPATED EMPLOYMENT COULD REDUCE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE MEDIA SPECULATION. IF DIPLOMATIC CONSIDERATIONS MAKE THIS APPROACH INFEASIBLE, PRESREL SHOULD BE MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

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